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MYSORE'S BEST

Mysuru has 26.99 lakh voters; an increase of 6.13 lakh from 2019

DC releases final voters' list; Chamundeshwari highest at 3,41,116, Periyapatna lowest at 1,96,036

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (BCT)- Lok Sabha elections are scheduled to be held in April-May this year and preparations are on with the voters' list.

As per the revised final electoral rolls released by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra yesterday, the final count of voters in Mysuru district — combining all the 11 Assembly Constituencies — now stands at 26,99,835, with 13,31,772 being male and 13,67,843 female. There are 220 sexual minorities. Notably, women voters surpass their male counterparts in the district.

The DC disclosed the list at a press conference held at his office yesterday. In the draft electoral roll from October last year, the voter count was 26,87,773. The final roll shows an increase of 12,062 voters, reaching 26,99,835. Among them, the count of young voters is 50,969. The number of young voters has increased by 16,899 from 34,070 in the draft voters list to stand at the final count of 50,969.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra

Periyapatna	**1,96,036**
K.R. Nagar	**2,17,319**
Hunsur	**2,45,312**
H.D. Kote	**2,26,716**
Nanjangud	**2,20,057**
Chamundeshwari	**3,41,116**
Krishnaraja	**2,54,013**
Chamaraja	**2,53,019**
Narasimharaja	**3,01,628**
Varuna	**2,37,176**
T. Narasipur	**2,07,443**

The Constituencies within Mysuru district are Periyapatna, K.R. Nagar, Hunsur, H.D. Kote, Nanjangud, Chamundeshwari, Krishnaraja, Chamaraja, Narasimharaja, Varuna and T. Narasipur.

Of the total 26,99,835 voters, 54,766 were added, 42,704 were removed and 25,769 voters' data were corrected. The removal process was done to eliminate voters who have passed away (16,726), shifted from their homes (19,482) or names that have been duplicated (6,495).

Chamundeshwari boasts the highest number of voters at 3,41,116, while Periyapatna has the lowest at 1,96,036. Only Chamundeshwari and Narasimharaja have three lakh or more voters. Some Assembly Constituencies have seen an increase in voter numbers, while others have witnessed a decline after the revision of the electoral rolls.

In Mysuru, there are 31,631 specially challenged voters, 1,148 service voters and 2,862 VIP voters. There are a total of 2,915 polling booths, with Chamundeshwari having the most (341) and T. Narasipur the fewest (228).

In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Mysuru recorded a total of 20,86,413 voters, comprising 10,43,635 male voters, 10,42,625 female voters and 153 others. The voting percentage for that election was 70.39%. Fast forward to 2024, the number of voters in Mysuru has seen a significant increase. The current count stands at 26,99,835 voters, indicating a substantial growth of 6,13,422 voters compared to the 2019 figure of 20,86,413.

Dr. Rajendra announced the formation of a robust team to maintain the integrity of the electoral process in all 11 Assembly Constituencies. The team comprises over 241 sector officers, flying squads, static surveillance teams, video surveillance teams and election expenditure teams. Their primary objective is to prevent and address any potential electoral malpractices during the upcoming elections.

The DC urged voters to visit *https://ceo.karnataka.gov.in* to verify their names. The revision of the voters' list is an ongoing process and voters can use online platforms like the voters' service portal, VHA mobile app or Garuda app and contact Booth-Level Officers (BLOs) to request additions, deletions and corrections.

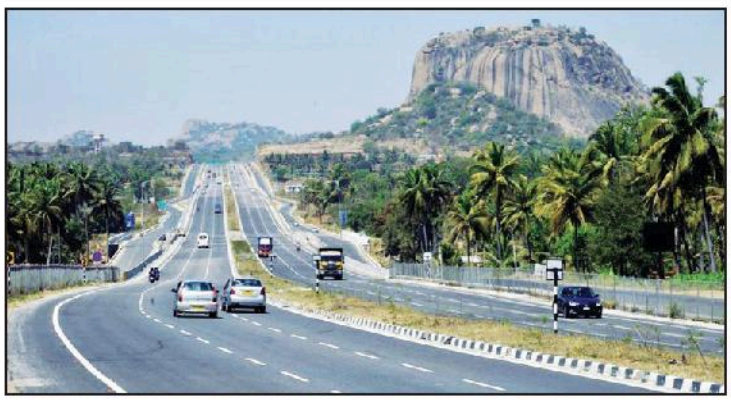
(See VOTERS on page 8)

FIR on those who drive on wrong side of Expressway

Multiple sections under IPC, Motor Vehicle Act to be added in FIR against violators

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (RK&BCT)- After an increasing number of traffic violations on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, the jurisdictional Mandya, Maddur and Ramanagara Police have decided to file First Information Reports (FIR) on those who were found driving on the wrong side.

Those violating traffic rules and causing accidents by rash and negligent driving will be tried and punished separately under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) besides the Motor Vehicles (MV) Act. "Multiple sections under IPC and MV Act will be added in the FIR on violators so that the penalty amount is steep, forcing them to attend the Court of law to pay the penalties," Maddur Traffic Sub-Inspector Mahesh Eregowda told *Star of Mysore* this morning.



As per Section 279 of the IPC, any individual found guilty of rash or negligent driving, endangering human life, can be imprisoned for a period of up to 6 months, fined Rs. 1,000, or both.

Negligent driving refers to a situation wherein an individual is driving without following the basic road safety rules, putting other people's lives at risk.

In case of an injury to or death of a person due to negligent driving, the driver will be booked under Section 337 and Section 338 of the IPC.

(See FIR on page 8)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 23rd January 2024

Labour Unions to stage protest at Bengaluru on Feb.1

Mysuru, Jan.23 (GA&DM)- Labour Unions will stage a demonstration at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Feb.1 in protest against the Centre's anti-Labour Policies and seeking fulfilment of their various demands.

Announcing this at a press meet here on Sunday, AITUC State General Secretary M. Jayamma said that Mid-day Meal scheme, Anganwadi, ASHA, Industrial, Construction, Transport, Plantation, Beedi workers as well as workers from the unorganised sector will be taking part in the demonstration.

The demands include implementation of guarantee for scheme workers, redressal of wage issues, industrial working hours issue etc., she said.

The protest demonstration will commence with a public rally at 10.30 am in which 30,000 workers from different parts of the State will take part, she added.

D. Jagannath, Suma, Girija and Bhagya were present at the press meet.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

In the traditional Indian view, time is measured differently for different celestial beings. The days and nights of the Gods or Devas are different from that of those who live in the world of ancestors. The days and nights of the humans are again different. The concept is similar to the Greek understanding, where time is the movement of celestial bodies. It is eternal inasmuch as it does not begin or end.

The Buddhists saw every beginning as an end and every end as a beginning. Time was really the position of the sun, the moon, and the stars. In this view, time should be flexible and laid back. Yet, with the advance of civilisation, humans have become more and more enslaved and regimented by time. Life itself is measured by time. There are milestones at every point of time. Work becomes not an act of creating something, but something measured by deadlines. Joy and pride in work take second place. Everything is so time oriented that there is literally no time to stand and stare, no time to contemplate what it all means, and much less time to conceptualise.

The clock, calendar, timer, and organised network may seem very efficient, but they very subtly shift the focus from the joy of actually creating something to quantification and measurement. The milestones force homogeneity on everything and everyone. Any small deviation from such compliance pushes the panic button and can even lead to interventions which may not be necessary.

Worse still, it may be dangerous. The rigid domination of time pervading all aspects of life reduces time itself to a form of technology.

This takes a toll on judgements. The obsession with precision has no tolerance for doubt or intuition as forms of knowledge. This has nothing to do with time as such. It is just the change in the mindset which creeps in without even conscious understanding.

Finally, when one inevitably slows down and looks back, there is often an angst or regret. The race against time has given no joy or satisfaction. Did one do anything that one really wanted to do? What was it all worth if there has been no time for 'The simple, modest and contented life... the way that leads to the end of life to which a man has to come pure, tranquil, ready to depart, and without any compulsion perfectly reconciled...' The Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius could not have made this clearer. — *Jamuna Rao in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Residents work to preserve viral 'rat hole'

Chicago: Chicago's famous "rat hole," a rodent-shaped indentation in a concrete sidewalk, was filled in by an unknown person, leading fans to attempt to exhume the landmark.

The "rat hole," an indentation left when the cement was still wet in the 1900 block of West Roscoe Street in the 1990s, became a viral phenomenon this month when fans started posting photos and videos to social media.

Visitors left "offerings" including spare change and snacks as tribute to "Chimley," the name given to the animal that created the indentation.

The hole appeared to be rat-shaped, but some neighbours and animal experts said it was more likely left by a small squirrel that fell out of a tree.

Fans gathered at the rat hole on Friday discovered it had been filled in overnight with a concrete or plaster-like substance. Visitors worked to dig the still-wet substance out of the hole to preserve the landmark.

Items left behind at European hotels

Brussels: A survey of European hotels found some of the most unusual items left behind by vacationers include dentures, a full clown costume and witchcraft paraphernalia.

According to the survey, it was that multiple hotels ended up with dentures stored in the lost and found. One hotel reported finding a full clown costume, complete with a wig and a red nose, left behind in a room. Another hotel reported staff found thousands of old German Mark coins behind the water tank. The most unusual lost and found items were dentures, witchcraft paraphernalia, prosthetic limbs, glass eye, a grandma's "lucky" tea cup, thousands of German Marks, a clown costume, an inflatable boat, caviar and rosary beads.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Simple way to avoid iron deficiency anemia is to eat food rich in iron like green leafy vegetables, broccoli, fruits, whole grains and red meat.

By Dr. Giripunja M - Consultant – Haematology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Women's Conference at Belagavi on Jan.27, 28

Mysuru, Jan.23 (GA&TRR)- District Unit President of Jagatika (Global) Lingayata Mahasabha, Mahadevappa has announced that Nation's First Women's Conference will be held at R.N. Shetty Polytechnic premises, Shivabasava Nagar, Belagavi on Jan.27 and 28.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city on Sunday, he said Dr. Ganga Mataji of Basava Dharmapeeta, Koodala Sangama will preside. Dr. Sri Thontdada Siddarameshwara Swamiji will grace the inaugural function on Jan. 27 at 11 am. Sri Shivananda Swamiji will release the souvenir. Basaveshwari Tayi will deliver keynote address in the presence of Sharanambika Tayi and Prabhushri Tayi. This will be followed by various seminars in the next two days. The valedictory will be held on Jan.28 at 3 pm. Guru Mahanta Swamiji will preside. Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar will be the chief guest. More than 200 persons from Mysuru will participate, he said.

District Women's wing President Jyothi Rechanna, Usha Nagesh and Pushpa were present at the press meet.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **92.14 feet**	Today's level **2,273.10 feet**	Today's level **2,831.65 feet**
Last year's level **115.56 feet**	Last year's level **2,272.13 feet**	Last year's level **2,828.78 feet**
Yesterday's level **92.22 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,273.14 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,831.63 feet**
Today's Inflow **498 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **118 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **142 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,002 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **100 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *The Himalayas are the source for the Indus, the Yangtze and the Ganga-Brahmaputra. All three are major river systems for the continent of Asia.*
- *The main rivers sourced in Himalayas are the Ganges, Indus, Yarlung, Yangtze, Yellow, Mekong, and Nujiang.*
- *The Nepalese call Mt. Everest "Samgarmatha" which can be translated as "Goddess of the Universe" or "Forehead of the Sky."*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Mother: *Susy, have you eaten all the laddoos in the box?*
Suzan: *No, mom. I did not touch one.*
Mother: *But there was only one left.*
Suzan: *That is the one I did not touch!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.10
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.38
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.69
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.62

VOICE OF THE READER

Deactivating FASTag for KYC update worsens commuter woes

Sir,

Whenever a new initiative is introduced by the Government, whether it be at the Central or State level, it tends to disrupt the lives of the public. Mysureans are still recovering from the UPOR (Urban Property Ownership Records) ordeal and now they are confronted with the requirement to update KYC (Know Your Customer) for FASTag, with the deadline set for Jan. 31.

The assumption that everyone is constantly available to follow Government instructions, especially when it involves online updates, may not align with the reality of people's lives.

Even with the privilege of having a laptop and internet connection at home, there is a sense of unease and scepticism about these mandatory updates.

This sentiment is further magnified when considering the vast number of individuals who lack such access or knowledge. The compulsory implementation of FASTag, coupled with associated costs, is met with discontent. Imposing double tolls in lieu of FASTag is perceived as a form of double extortion. The additional threat of deactivating FASTag if KYC is not promptly updated within two weeks only exacerbates the situation.

Compounding these concerns is the apparent manipulation of FASTag scanners at various toll gates, notably in Nanjangud and on Mysuru-Bengaluru highway. Instances of scanners displaying "Blacklisted" status, and subsequent confrontations — at times escalating to verbal or even physical altercations — highlight the challenges faced by users.

The prospect of deactivation adds another layer of apprehension, giving rise to concerns that toll operators may exploit the situation. In this context, the call for Government and regulatory bodies to understand their citizens, akin to the "know your customer" approach, prompts the question: When will we, as citizens, truly "know our Government"?

— E. Venkatesh

Mysuru
17.1.2024

MPMRT Annual Medicine Update 2024 held

*Seen are (from left) **Dr. Y.S. Ravikumar, Dr. C. Umesh Kamath, Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Dr. M. Premanath, Dr. M.A. Shekar, Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy, Dr. V. Lakshminarayan, Dr. D.K. Suneetha, Dr. M. Srinivas and Dr. K.M. Srinath at the MPMRT meet.***

Mysuru, Jan. 23- Mysore Physicians Medical and Research Trust (MPMRT) commemorated the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) centenary celebrations by holding a three-day Annual Medicine Update 2024 at the new Centenary Lecture Hall and Library Block, MMC&RI campus in city from Jan.12 to 14.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. M.A. Shekar, Vice-Chancellor, Adichunchanagiri University, also an alumnus of MMC&RI and a Senior Diabetologist.

Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy, Chairman of MPMRT; Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Principal of JSS Medical College; Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Dean and Director, MMC&RI, Dr. V. Lakshminarayan, Vice-Chairman of MPMRT, Dr. M. Srinivasa, Treasurer of MPMRT; Dr. D.K. Suneetha, Professor and HoD of Medicine, MMC&RI, Dr. K.M. Srinath, Chairman of API Mysore Chapter; Dr. M. Premanath, Senior Physician and Dr. C. Umesh Kamath of Kamakshi Hospital were present.

More than 400 delegates including Post-Graduate students of General Medicine, Practicing Physicians & Family Physicians of Mysuru & surrounding districts attended the programme. Several renowned academicians participated as resource persons. The programme included several interactive sessions, problem-based clinical case discussions, orations and a quiz for the Post-Graduates.

About the Trust: The MPMRT Trust was inaugurated by *Star of Mysore* Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy in 2005. The Trust has been conducting Annual Medicine Update for the past 18 years, awarding orations to medical research workers and academicians; gold medals to MBBS toppers, which was instituted by the 1966 alumni batch of MMC&RI. The Trust has supported several researchers in Medicine by providing research grants and has also given financial assistance to various medical organisations for conducting Continuing Medical Education (CME) programmes.

'Janaspandana' in Chamaraja

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (RK&TRR)- Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda held a Janaspandana programme at a ground near Bopaiah Choultry at Manchegowdanakoppal in city, yesterday.

After patiently listening to the complaints and grievances of the citizens, he instructed officials to resolve the problems of public.

The MLA was told that the residents of Hinkal Survey No.89, which is an old extension of the locality and a developed Revenue layout, are not getting Khatas registered for their properties as both MUDA and MCC are refusing to register. To this the MLA said that at a recent MUDA meeting, it was decided that since the said land is not under the jurisdiction of MUDA, MCC can register and provide 'B' Khata to owners of properties and a copy of resolution will be handed over to MCC soon so that it can register Khatas in future."

The Government has also approved this, and MCC will soon register and give 'B' Khatas to property owners. With this, the problem faced by about 300 residents for the past so many years will be solved, said the MLA.

The public also complained about ration cards not being issued to them as the website of the department remains closed and they are facing difficulties in getting medical treatment at hospitals with no ration cards.

Harishgowda directed officials of Food and Civil Supplies Department to give ration cards for such people on priority.

Some women said that they have not received Gruha Lakshimi Scheme benefit of Rs.2,000 for the last few months and the MLA instructed the officials that the benefits must reach all eligible beneficiaries. He instructed the CESC officials to make sure that benefits of Gruha Jyothi reached all eligible households.

Many civic issues like street lights, poor maintenance of parks were also brought to the notice of the MLA. Some complained that their water connections are disconnected by the authorities and the MLA immediately instructed Vani Vilas Water Works officials not to disconnect.

Private Hospital heads meet Health Minister

Demand hike in health services rate

Private Hospitals Association President Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Dr. Devi Shetty, Indian Medical Association (IMA) Vice-President Dr. Pavankumar Patil, FANA President Dr. Govindaiah Yatish, Jayadeva Hospital Director Dr. C.N. Manjunath and others seen with Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao at the meeting in Bengaluru recently.

Mysuru, Jan.23- The Government listed Private Hospitals involved in implementation of Government Health schemes, have urged the Government to hike the rate of health services that are provided to the patients covered under the schemes.

In a press release, the Government listed Private Hospitals Association said that Private Hospitals have been providing health care to people covered under various health schemes of the Government. Though the Hospitals are suffering huge losses due to low rates which were stipulated by the Government about 10 years ago, the Hospitals are treating patients covered under Government health schemes out of humanity. Unable to bear the accumulated losses, about 67 percent of the Hospitals which were listed by the Government, have refused to treat patients covered under Government schemes, which has caused a lot of inconvenience to the general public.

Taking serious note of the losses, a State-level meeting of listed Private Hospitals was called at Bengaluru sometime back, which was chaired by the Chairman of Mysuru's Suyog Hospital Dr. C.P. Yoganna. The meeting decided to form a Committee, so that the matter can be taken up with the Government. The Committee comprised Dr. Devi Shetty, Head of Narayana Hospitals, IMA State President Dr. S. Srinivasa, Vice-President Dr. Pavankumar Patil, FANA President Dr. Govindaiah Yatish and Jayadeva Hospital Director Dr. C.N. Manjunath. This Committee met Health Minister Dinesh Gundurao and elaborately discussed about the problems and the mounting losses that the listed Hospitals are facing. The Committee urged the Health Minister to hike the treatment rates under Swasth, Yashaswini, ESI etc., schemes and to notify the hiked rates in the forthcoming State Budget.

The Committee members told the Minister in no uncertain terms that they can no more afford to treat the patients covered under various health schemes of the State Government if the treatment rates are not upwardly revised in keeping with the modern day costs, the release said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Music Festival

Shruthimanjari Foundation and Rotary Club of Mysore West have jointly organised the 26th Annual Music Festival-2024 at Rotary West Auditorium in Saraswathipuram from Jan. 24 to 28 everyday at 6 pm. The Fest will be inaugurated at 6 pm tomorrow (Jan. 24) by *Ganakalabhushana* Vid. Dr. K. Vageesh, retd. Deputy Director General, Prasar Bharathi, New Delhi. *Ganakalashri* Vid. Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma, Internationally renowned percussion artiste, will be the chief guest. Rtn. G.K. Sudheendra, President, Rotary Club of Mysore West, Mysuru, will preside. The inauguration will be followed by a Karnatak Classical Vocal Music Concert by Dr. K. Vageesh.

Hi-tech Harvester Hub

The Agriculture Department has invited applications from individuals, organisations such as Krishi Yantradhare Centres, Service Centres, Agri Equipment Banks and registered organisations for establishment of Hi-tech Harvester Hubs for providing a range of agri equipment and farm machinery on rental basis to farmers. The stipulated subsidy for these hubs will be provided through Credit-linked Back-ended subsidy. Interested may visit nearby Raitha Samparka Kendras or the office of the Assistant Director of Agriculture.

Book release and Poets' Meet

In the wake of Ayodhya Ram Mandir inauguration, writer N.V. Ramesh's two books — 'Banni Ramayana Yatrege' and 'Manassina Alegala Uyyale' — will be released at a programme organised under the aegis of Abhiruchi Balaga at Namana Kalamantapa in Krishnamurthypuram at 10.30 am on Jan. 27. Social worker K. Raghuram will inaugurate the programme. S. Ramprasad and Dr. Bherya Ramkumar will speak about the books. M.N. Latha Mohan will preside. After the release of books, a Kavigoshti (Poets' Meet) on Lord Ram will be held and those interested in taking part, can contact Mob: 98455-65238.

Artists asked to take back artworks

With the annual Dasara Exhibition-2023 having concluded on Jan. 12, the Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) has asked artists, who had exhibited their artworks and other creations during the exhibition, to take back the same during office hours before Jan. 25, according to a KEA press release.

Missing lady teacher found dead at Melukote

- Body found buried at the foot of Yoganarasimhaswamy Hill
- Video clip of a few people pulling around the teacher given to Police

Deepika

Melukote, Jan. 23- The body of a woman teacher, who had gone missing two days ago, was found buried at the foot of Yoganarasimhaswamy Hill at Melukote. The Police, who had initially registered a missing case, have now registered a murder case and are investigating.

The deceased teacher is Deepika (28), daughter of social worker Venkatesh of Manikyanahalli village, who was given in marriage to Lokesh of the same village. Deepika was working as a guest teacher at SET Public School at Melukote and used to travel to the school from her village in her two-wheeler.

On Saturday afternoon, Deepika, who left the school in her scooter, did not reach her home. It is said that she left the school after receiving a call on her cell phone. Meanwhile, Deepika's scooter was found at the foot of the hill on the same day. Though her family members and relatives searched for her for a few hours, she was not found following which her father Venkatesh lodged a missing complaint at Melukote Police Station.

Suspecting that Deepika may have been murdered by miscreants, her family members and relatives had launched a search for her since Saturday. During the search, they found flies on a heap of mud about 500 mts from the spot where her scooter was found and when they cleared the mud, the body of Deepika was found.

Melukote Inspector Siddappa and staff, who reached the spot, excavated the body in the presence of Pandavapura Assistant Commissioner Nandish and Tahsildar Shreyas and shifted the body to Mandya's MIMS Hospital for post-mortem. Superintendent of Police N. Yathish, Srirangapatna Dy.SP Murali and staff also visited the spot.

Video clip: A video clip of Deepika being waylaid and pulled around by a few people has been captured by a tourist, who has handed over the video clip to the Police. It is said that a group of three to four persons had murdered Deepika. Based on the information provided by tourists, Police rushed to the spot during which Deepika's scooter was found, following which her father had lodged a missing complaint. It is learnt that after Deepika's family members and relatives saw the video clip, they suspected that she may have been murdered and had launched a search in the vicinity of the spot where her scooter was found.

Meanwhile, Melukote CPI Siddappa, speaking to *SOM*, said that the video clip is about 10 seconds which is not clearly visible.

Miscreant, who had looted valuables worth Rs. 36 lakh, arrested

He used to target only grief-stricken houses

Manu

Mandya, Jan. 23- Arakere Police have arrested a burglar, who used to loot houses where people were found grieving for their dead relative and friend and have recovered valuables including gold, cash and car worth Rs. 36 lakh which the burglar had looted in 10 places.

The arrested is 23-year-old Manu alias Shambu, a native of Aralakuppe village in Pandavapura taluk and a resident of Mysuru.

On Jan. 6, Shivakumar, a resident of Mahadevapura, passed away and his brother's family came to the house for the last rites only to find 135 grams gold ornaments kept in the almirah stolen. One Nataraju had lodged a complaint with Arakere Police on the same day.

Burglaries were also reported in the houses of the dead at Aarathi Ukkada, Haravu and Damadahalli village in Pandavapura limits.

Mandya Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) S.E. Gangadharaswamy, who took the burglary incidents seriously, formed a Special Police team comprising Srirangapatna Sub-Division Dy.Sp Murali, Circle Inspector Puneeth, Arakere Sub-Inspector M.R. Byali and others to nab the accused.

The Special Police team, which conducted an operation on Jan. 16, took accused Manu to custody near Pandavapura Railway Station and interrogated him during which the accused is said to have confessed of his involvement in 10 burglary cases and also stated that he had pledged the stolen gold ornaments at various private gold loan firms in KRS and Pandavapura town and also at a Co-operative Bank in Bannangadi village.

Based on the information provided by the accused, Arakere Police have recovered 521 grams gold ornaments worth Rs. 30.21 lakh, one camera and lenses worth Rs. 3.50 lakh, one bike worth Rs. 50,000 and one car valued at Rs. 2 lakh totalling Rs. 36 lakh from him.

Circle Inspector Puneeth, Arakere Sub-Inspector M.R. Byali, ASI Nataraju and staff Satish, Nagendra, Rajesh, Shivaprasad, Nandagopi, Shivakumar, Raveesh, Ravikiran and Lokesh took part in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Obituary

M. Deshigowda

Mysuru, Jan. 23- M. Deshigowda (68), President of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple at Kannegowdanakoppal, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife, two sons, three daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Kannegowdanakoppal Burial Grounds this morning.

M.H. Ramakrishna

M.H. Ramakrishna (87), a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away following age-related ailments in city yesterday.

He leaves behind two sons including KSCA Mysuru Zone Convenor Harikrishna Kumar, two daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the family's farm land near Nagamangala this afternoon.

N. Indira

N. Indira (76), a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away following a heart attack in Bengaluru on Sunday. She leaves behind two daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held yesterday.

Kalappa

Kalappa (65), a resident of Lalithadripura, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Rukmini, sons journalist Puttappa and Parashivamurthy and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds at Lalithadripura this afternoon.

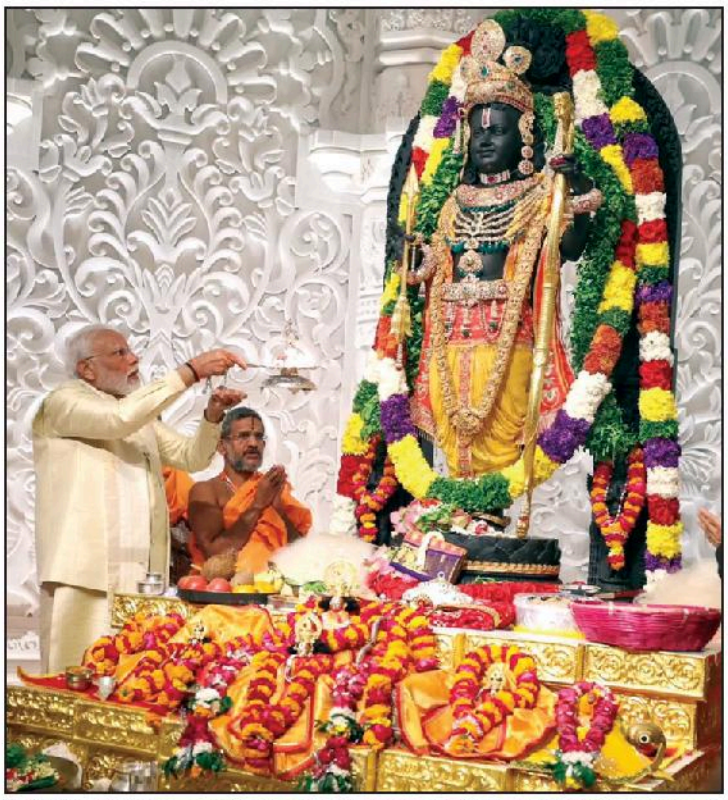
Fahmida

Fahmida (58), wife of Syed Nisar and a resident of Bharat Nagar, passed away in a road accident yesterday while travelling from Nagamangala to Mysuru.

She leaves behind her husband, five sons including Maulana Mufti Syed Imran Siddiqui of Madrasa-e-Jamia Hazrat Abu Huraira, Shabnam Brigade Layout, Mysuru, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today after Moghreeb (6.45 pm) at Masjid-e-Rabbani in NR Mohalla, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

Ram Lalla idol consecration: Pejawar Seer to take part in 48-day ritual at Ayodhya



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji in the sanctum sanctorum of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

Ayodhya, Jan. 23 (Agencies)- The sole representative from the Southern States on the Sri Rama Janmabhoomi Committee during the 'Pran Pratishtha' in Ayodhya yesterday was Udupi Adhokshaja Sri Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji. Only seven members were allowed inside the sanctum sanctorum of the temple at around 8 am. Among them were three members from the Trust including Sri VishwaprasannaTheertha Swamiji.

The Pejawar Mutt Pontiff played a crucial role in performing the traditional puja to the idol of Ram Lalla inside the temple during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji was among the 15-member Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra, a Trust set up for the construction and management of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya by the Centre.

Having been in Ayodhya for the past few days, Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji actively participated in the preparations for the traditional rituals during the Pran Pratishtha. He is the successor to Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji, one of the leading figures of the Ram Janmabhoomi movement.

Efforts of senior pontiff

The revered senior pontiff was known for advocating unity among Hindus and even Muslims through his discourses had been a member of the Sri Rama Janmabhoomi Trust since its inception. He played a pivotal role in the legal fight and campaigns for the establishment of the Ram Temple. His legacy was continued by junior pontiff Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji.

Following the rituals on Monday, Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji returned to the Pejawar Mutt in Ayodhya, where enthusiastic devotees showered him with flowers. The Pejawar Seer will remain in Ayodhya until the end of Mandalotsava — a 48-day ritual being held at Mandir in Ayodhya from today.

Notably, the Pejawar Mutt has had a branch in Ayodhya for many years. The Udupi Sri Krishna Mutt and eight mutts of Udupi have close ties with Ayodhya as the 'Mukhyaprana' (Anjaneya) of Udupi Krishna Mutt hails from that place. The consecration of the Hanuman Temple in Ayodhya was done by Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji a few years ago. He passed away in December 2019.

Mysuru connection

The late senior pontiff Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji undertook many Chaturmasya Vratas at Krishna Dhama in Mysuru. Even for successor Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji, Mysuru is a preferred destination for his Chaturmasya Vratas.

In addition, the Pejawar Mutt runs several Institutions in Mysuru including Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions at Saraswathipuram (established by Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji in 1985), Bhagini Seva Samaja in Krishnamurthypuram, Madhwa Student Hostel, Pejawar Sridhama and Pejawar Students Hostel in J.P. Nagar, Vittala Dhama and Sriramadhama, Udayagiri.

Harmonious expression of India's cultural conscience: Suttur Seer

Seers Madara Chennaiah Swamiji, Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Sri Niranjanananda Puri Swamij grace the consecration of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya on Monday.

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (SPN&BCT)- Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji said that the completion of the consecration ceremony at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya signifies a cultural renaissance in India.

He emphasised that the Pran Pratishtha of Ram Lalla is a harmonious expression of the country's cultural conscience, being revered by people from all walks of life. The Swamiji was speaking to reporters in Ayodhya yesterday.

The Seer was joined in Ayodhya by Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev, Niranjanananandapuri Swamiji and other spiritual heads.

Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji highlighted that the Ram Mandir serves as a unifying space for all Indians, promoting religious harmony. "It was a struggle and intense effort for over five centuries. Many roadblocks were put but the Mandir is here today," he added.

He described the day as one of contentment and happiness and expressed his joy in representing Mysuru and Karnataka at this historic ceremony, which he deemed a significant moment in Indian history under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Swamiji further elaborated that the consecration of the Ram Lalla idol was a testament to faith and culture that reflects the nation's historical heritage.

"Each village in India has its own Rama Mandira where spiritual events are held and even village-level disputes are addressed amicably as people believe that justice has been done by none other than Lord Rama," he added.

> Arun Yogiraj, who sculpted the Ram Lalla idol, studied from LKG to 10th Standard at JSS Balajagath School run by JSS Mahavidyapeeta. This is a matter of joy and pride to Mysuru."
> **— Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji**

The Ram Mandir, according to Swamiji, stands as a unifying space for all Indians, embodying the principles of religious harmony. He emphasised that the temple serves as a symbol of *Ramrajya,* a world where peace and harmony prevail, treating everyone with respect regardless of their religious beliefs or caste.

"At the core of Lord Ram's character lies an unwavering commitment to dharma – righteousness. Lord Ram's adherence to dharma, even in the face of formidable challenges, exemplifies the strength that comes from living a virtuous life. For young minds forging their paths, the Ramayana serves as a timeless guide urging them to embrace the ethical underpinnings that lead to a meaningful and purposeful existence," the Swamiji said.

"Lord Ram emerges not only as a divine figure but also as a paragon of leadership. His life story emphasises the essence of leading by example. Whether in his role as a devoted son, a caring brother or a just ruler, Lord Ram sets the standard for effective leadership rooted in personal integrity," the Suttur Seer said.

Lord Ram's deep respect for familial bonds, exemplified through his unwavering devotion to his parents and brothers, serves as a poignant reminder for today's youth to value and nurture their own relationships, he noted.

Rama Paintings at Rama Mandiras in Mysore and Melkote

By R.G. Singh

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Worship of Rama, the seventh incarnation (avatar) of Vishnu, is widespread in Hinduism. He is the only deity in the Hindu pantheon who is considered as a king. Temples dedicated to Rama are found across India varying in size and grandeur. The temple at Ayodhya consecrated yesterday will perhaps outshine all existing Rama temples by its sheer size and magnificence.

During the Bhakti movement of the 15th and 16th century, there developed a parallel mode of worship and personal devotion to the chosen deity. In north and central India, wealthy businessmen and landlords (zamindars, talukdars and jagirdars) patronised a distinct but unique form of worship of Rama and Krishna shorn of grandeur and the imposing temple structures. Large mansions and grand residences housed a shrine dedicated to the Lord, these are referred to as 'Thakurji ki Haveli' (house where the Lord resides). The havelis had a private section where the householders resided and a public section (called as 'baithak') where the common man was allowed to offer prayers and perform family functions.

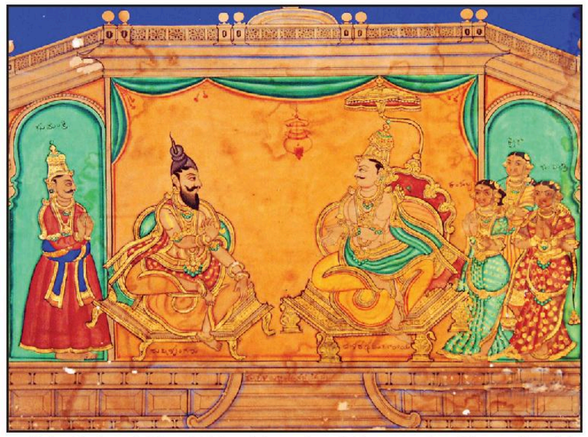
The Thakurji ki Haveli among many distinct practices, patronised the Haveli Sangeet - musical renderings extolling the virtues of the Lord sung by vocalists to the accompaniment of musical instruments. A similar tradition of **Bhajana Mandira** and **Rama Mandira** was prevalent in parts of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. The mostly inconspicuous structures are akin to the north Indian Havelitradition, the only difference being that the south Indian mandiras have independent entrance.

Music is a major part of worship in Havelis, Rama Mandiras also patronise music as a part of service to the Lord. Hence, we see the tradition of music festivals conducted during the Rama Navami festivities.

Most of the Rama Mandiras have on display, paintings depicting other Hindu divinities, the popular ones are Rajarajeshwari, Lakshmi, Saraswati, Shiva Parivara, Krishna with consorts, Bala leelas of Krishna, episodes from Mahabharata, Bhagavata, puranas and Ramayana.

This article examines a few interesting and unique paintings on display and worship at important Rama Mandiras in and around Mysore. The array of subjects and the artists involved in creating these stunning specimens and the devout patrons who were instrumental in leaving behind this rich legacy, are to be remembered on this important day in the civilizational journey of India.

All the paintings are in the Mysore school, housed at the mentioned Rama Mandiras (or otherwise), and the copyright is reserved by the respective Trusts/Mandiras.



1: This is a simple yet brilliant depiction of King Dasharatha in conversation with sage Rishyashringa, inviting him to perform the Putrakameshti Yaga at Ayodhya. Dasharatha's queens Kaushalya, Kaikeyi and Sumitra stand behind the former with folded hands while the minister Sumantra is shown behind the sage. *(Arya Vysya Rama Mandira, Shivarampet, Mysore)*

2: A classic masterpiece by an unidentified artist is the naming ceremony (namakarana) of the four little princes. Dasharath is seated in the centre, to his right queen Kaushalya is cradling the baby Rama and on the King's left, queen Sumitra holds the twins Lakshmana and Shatrughna and on the far left, queen Kaikeyi cradles Bharata. Royal priests and sages with hands raised, bless the royal family. *(Private collection)*

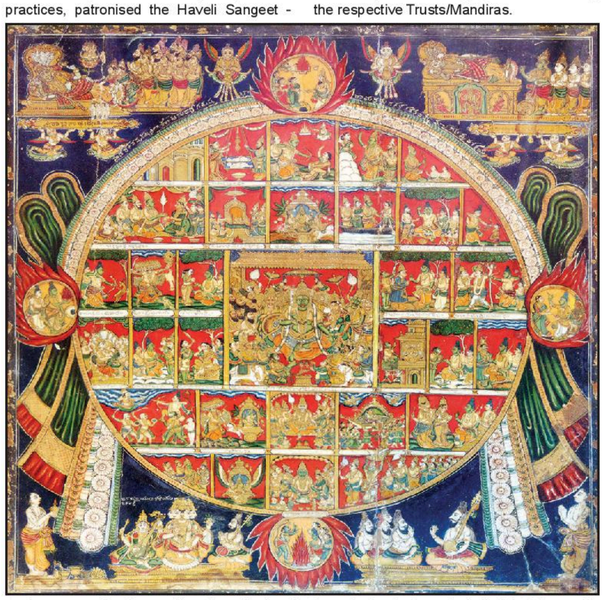
3: Attached to the** Hattu Janagala Garadi at Paduvarahalli **is a quaint little structure of a Rama Mandira housing this magnum opus, the wedding (kalyana) of the four princes of Ayodhya. The painting effectively illustrates the grandeur associated with the celebration in the central panel which divides into four individual mantapas where the weddings are being performed simultaneously. The lower register has episodes from Ramayana culminating up to the Seeta swayamvara while the upper register depicts the event of the swayamvara.

4: Packed with dramatis personae involved in the last-siege and defeat of Ravana, this classic jewel of a painting depicts the worship of Shivalinga at Rameshwaram by Rama and Sita as atonement for the killing of Ravana. The heavily decorated ornate arch and pillars are reminiscent of the Mysore palace. *(Kunchitigara Rama Mandira,Santepet, Mysore.)*

5: In this masterpiece by an unknown artist, worshipped at the** Dodda Garadi Rama Mandira at Srirangapatna, **Rama and his huge entourage await the arrival of Pushpaka Vimana along with Vibhishana to depart the hermitage of sage Bharadwaja. Hanuman, the wise Jambavan and the other simian generals with folded hands thank the sage for having served them with sumptuous meal provided by the grace of wish fulfilling divine cow, Nandini, the daughter of Kamadhenu, seen at the top left corner.

7: The direct confrontation between Rama and Ravana at Lanka is the subject of this painting. Taking aim at each other with the extended bow, a faint smile on Rama's face perhaps signifies the outcome of this duel. Here, Rama is shown bigger than Ravana, in size, to emphasise the divinity of Rama. *(Bestara Rama Mandira, Tilaknagar, Mysore)*

***9: Shivageeta is one of the esoteric books which focuses on an episode from Ramayana where Rama and Lakshmana are searching for the abducted Sita in the forest and they visit several hermitages and meet sages. The brothers are accorded darshan by Shiva and Parvati and in one instance Shiva reveals his cosmic Vishwaroopa form. This interesting specimen of the Mysore school is being worshipped at the** Javaratti Rama Mandira, Veeranagere, Mysore.*



6: The** Karagam family at Melkote **have displayed a few paintings in the main hall of their home. The painting of Sampoorna Ramayana depicted within the Sudarshana Chakra by artist Parashurama Alasingalachar is a masterpiece that one will never miss to notice. The painting has a pigeon-hole style of story narration. On the top left corner, Vishnu is shown reclining on the serpent Adishesha in Vaikunta, the right-side corner depicts the ancestral deity worshipped by the Ikshvaku clan. Rama and his three brothers offer flowers to the moolamurthy and the utsavamurthy of Ranganatha. The bottom left depicts Brahma flanked by Saraswathi and Narada while on the right, Narada narrates the story of Rama to sage Valmiki.

8: This painting from the** Rama Mandira at Talkad **has the twins Lava and Kusha ensconced on their parents' lap with their uncles in attendance. Raja Guru, Maharshi Valmiki presents the horoscope (jataka) and Hanuman pays obeisance to their lordships. This is a fine specimen of Mysore painting with superb gesso and gold work by artist Durgada Krishnappa.

10: Among the most famous Rama Mandiras of the city is** Bidara Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Sita Rama Mandira **having one of the most magnificent interiors and a fine collection of paintings. This painting of Kodanda Rama by an unknown master is a fine specimen from the early 20th century.

11: The grandeur of the coronation ceremony of Rama is well depicted in this painting being worshipped at** Sri Venkateshwara temple at Tilaknagar. **The artist has imaginatively placed maximum number of subjects within every available space in the painting.

12: In this painting at the** Thimmarasappa's Rama Mandira **(Bestageri, Nazarbad, Mysore), the artist has beautifully captured the anointment of Rama during the coronation ceremony (pattabhisheka). Two sages pour the consecrated water on Rama while five sages seated below chant benedictory verses. In front of Rama with folded hands are his siblings and behind Sita are their spouses.

13: After the coronation of Vibheeshana following the death of Ravana, Vibheeshana summons Pushpaka Vimana to ferry himself along with Rama, Sita, Lakshmana and his huge entourage of the simian army who are eager to visit Ayodhya for the coronation. This painting by artist** B.P. Ramakrishna in the collection of Mrs. Pushpa Krishnaiyengar **captures the essence of the arial flight of this wonder of a vehicle.

Bhoomi puja performed for

Sri Chamaraja Wadiyar Bhavan Annex

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (BLU&VNS) - The contributions of Wadiyars are not only remembered in Karnataka but in the entire nation, said former MLA S.A. Ramdas, here this morning.

Speaking after performing *bhoomi puja* for the construction of Rajagopura and Sri Chamaraja Wadiyar Bhavan's annex, organised by Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple Committee (Trust), he said the legislators from North India were also familiar with the contribution of Mysore Wadiyars and added that Wadiyars, being great visionaries, had developed Mysuru during their rule.

Ramdas also mentioned that the construction of the Rajagopura and the annex should be taken up on a war-footing without giving room to any obstacles.

Mangalore Ganesha Beedi Works (Mysuru) Managing Trustee Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, who spoke on the occasion, announced that he would contribute for the construction the building and added that people must come forward to ensure the project was realised. Temple Trust and Karnataka Ursu Mahamandali Charitable (KUMC) Trust President B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs presided over the event. Kappadi Mutt Seer M.L. Varchasvi Srikanta Siddalinga Raje Urs, Basavaraje Urs of the Trust were present on the occasion.

Mysuru has 26.99 lakh voters

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He assured that Electors' Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) would be sent to voters' addresses and that the voters' helpline (1950) and control rooms in all Constituencies were operational. Eligible electors who have not got the EPIC cards can re-apply with corrections and the cards will be generated within a fortnight.

Karnataka has 5.38 crore electors

Karnataka boasts a total of 5.38 crore electors, with 2.68 crore women and 4,920 individuals in the others category. Providing insights into the final electoral rolls in Bengaluru, Karnataka Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Manoj Kumar Meena informed the media that the overall number of electors has seen an increase of 4.08 lakh since the publication of the draft electoral rolls on October 27, 2023.

A total of 58,834 polling stations have been identified for the upcoming elections. During the rationalisation process, 845 polling stations were added and 293 were merged. This results in a net increase of 552 polling stations compared to the 2023 Assembly elections.

Breaking down the data further, Bengaluru South emerges with the highest number of voters at 7,17,201. On the other hand, Sringeri in the Chikkamagaluru district has the least number of voters at 1,67,556. These figures highlight the dynamic distribution of voters across different constituencies in the region.

How to get your name on the list of voters

Eligible unregistered electors still have the opportunity to include their names in the electoral rolls up to 10 days before the final day for filing nominations. This initiative aims to ensure that all eligible individuals have the opportunity to participate in the electoral process by having their names correctly included in the electoral rolls.

To facilitate this process, individuals can submit applications online using the Voters Service Portal *(https://voters.eci.gov.in/)* or the Voter Helpline Mobile App.

Prospective electors who meet the eligibility criteria on Jan. 4, 2024, July 1, 2024 and Oct. 1, 2024, can also submit their applications in advance. For any information related to electoral rolls, Electors' Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) and the submission of applications, individuals are encouraged to reach out to the respective District Election Officers, Electoral Registration Officers, Assistant Electoral Registration Officers and Booth Level Officers.

Additionally, they can seek assistance by calling the toll-free number 1950 (180042551950).

Congress protests denial of temple entry to Rahul Gandhi in Assam

Mysuru, Jan.23 (MTY&DM)- Strongly condemning the Assam BJP Government's action of denying permission to Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's entry to a temple in Assam during the ongoing Congress Party's *Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra*, the city Congress leaders staged a protest in front of Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station on JLB Road here this morning.

Rahul Gandhi was denied permission by the Assam Government on Monday to visit Sri Sri Sankardeva Satra, popularly known as Batadrava Than, the birth place of 15th Century social reformer-saint Srimanta Sankardeva in Nagaon district of Assam, during his *Nyay Yatra* that is currently underway in Assam.

Addressing the Congress workers, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre termed BJP men as fake Ram Bhakts. Asserting that 'Ramanama Smarane' is the right of everyone, he said that such devotion is not the right of only BJP leaders. Maintaining that the Congress never used religious issues for reaping political gains, Khandre strongly condemned the Assam Government and BJP leaders for denying permission to visit the popular Assam temple.

Accusing the BJP of using religious matters for meeting its political ends, the Minister reiterated that the Congress never placed hurdles in matters concerning religious practices.

Contending that Rahul's Yatra will continue no matter what tricks the ruling BJP plays, he lashed out at the BJP for using public frenzy over religious issues for electoral gains, while at the same time ignoring the needs of the common man.

MLA Darshan Dhruvanarayan, City Congress President R. Murthy, District President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, former MP Kagalawadi M. Shivanna, former Corporator Shivanna, District Women's Congress President Latha Siddashetty, City President and former Mayor Pushpalatha Chikkanna, leaders Dr. H.V. Sushruth Gowda, Manjula Manjunath, J.J. Anand, Srinath Babu, Harish Naidu, Ishwar Chakkadi, Latha Mohan, Dairy Venkatesh, Mary, Poornima and others took part in the protest.

Will hold meeting on man-animal conflict in Mysuru region

Replying to a question on man-animal conflict, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre said that he will be holding a meeting with Forest Department officials at Bandipur later this afternoon and discuss the issue in detail.

He further said he would seek inputs on the measures taken thus far for ending the menace in Mysuru and surrounding districts. The Congress Government is committed to end man-animal conflicts everywhere in the State, he added.

FIR on those who drive on wrong side

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IPC Sections 279, 304 Part II (contributed/responsible for the death), 304A (causing death by negligence), 337 and 338 have been specifically framed to deal with offences like rash and negligent driving resulting in death, or hurt, or grievous hurt and an accused could be prosecuted under both the laws simultaneously.

Following many complaints from the commuters on social media on wrong side driving on the Expressway, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) for Traffic and Road Safety Alok Kumar has directed the Mandya and the Ramanagara SPs to take action. In the recent past, many people were seen driving in the opposite direction of the Expressway which resulted in road accidents.

"Till now, we were imposing penalties on a single offence and the violators used to get away after paying basic penalties. Now, FIRs will be booked with multiple IPC and MV rules so that penalties will reach a minimum of Rs. 10,000 and they must go to the Court to pay the fine," Mahesh Eregowda said. The Police also warned of driving licence cancellation if anyone was found not following rules on the Expressway.

"Many wrong-side driving complaints are reported in Maddur, Channapatna and Ramanagara divisions as there are multiple villages on either side of the Expressway. We also have penalised many two-wheelers violating the ban on travelling on the Expressway. Henceforth, the penalties will be stringent with the FIR registration," he added.

Srirangapatna Rural Inspector B.G. Kumar said that in the 22 days of January 2024, they have booked over 100 cases and the penalties ranged from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 5,000 including reckless driving and driving on the wrong side.

Consecration of Ram Lalla idol in Ayodhya

Deepotsava transforms Mysuru into 'City of Lights'

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (PM&BS)- Pran Pratishtha, the consecration ceremony of Ram Lalla idol at Sri Ram Mandir in Ayodhya on Monday, was celebrated with festive fervour that reached its summit with deepotsava in various parts of city in the evening.

Earthen lamps were lit as part of Deepotsava at temples, prominent places and households in the city, turning Mysuru the 'City of Palaces' into a 'City of Lights', with the people celebrating once in a life time moment with devotion.

Mysuru Hanumanthotsava Samiti had lit the lamps arranged in artistic manner on the premises of Kote Anjaneya Swamy temple, Mysore Palace North gate. The lamps were arranged in the forms of Kannada words *Jai Sri Ram* and *OM,* along with rangolis depicting Sri Rama, Sita and Anjaneya.

A model of Ayodhya Sri Ram Mandir was also exhibited, attracting the devotees who enlivened the moment with piety. They also took photos on their cell phone camera. The model of the temple made in thermocol is 17-feet-long, eight-feet wide and 8.5 feet tall.

Former Chairman of Mysuru Urban Development Authority H.V. Rajeev, former Chairman of Zoo Authority of Karnataka Shivakumar, President of Mysuru City and District Brahmins Association D.T. Prakash as chief guests and also lit the lamps.

Mysuru Hanumanthotsava Samiti Conveners Samyaj, Jeevan, Marballi Kumar and Santosh and a large number of devotees were present.

Sri Rama Jyothi Seva Samiti, Sri Veeraganapathi temple, Veeranagere, Ashoka road had organised laksha deepotsava that was inaugurated by Saraswathi, mother of sculptor Arun Yogiraj of the city who sculpted Ram Lalla's idol. Arun Yogiraj's wife Vijeta also lighted the lamps.

Earlier, Samiti members felicitated Ramdas the owner of the land at Gujjegowdanapura in Mysuru taluk where the black schist stone (Krishna Shile) used to sculpt Ram Lalla's idol was mined and sculptor Arun Yogiraj's mother Saraswati.

Chief guest of the event Dr. V. Ranganath, also a columnist of *Mysuru Mithra,* the sister publication of *Star of Mysore* said "It was a much awaited day in Indian history, as the 500-year long wait was over with the consecration of Ram Lalla at Ayodhya. Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the ceremony, joined by the devotees across the country in their own way. The chanting of 'Jai Sri Ram' reverberated across the nation thus bringing all together, for the country to evolve as Vishwa Guru (World Leader) in the coming days. Ayodhya Sri Ram Mandir is our pride."

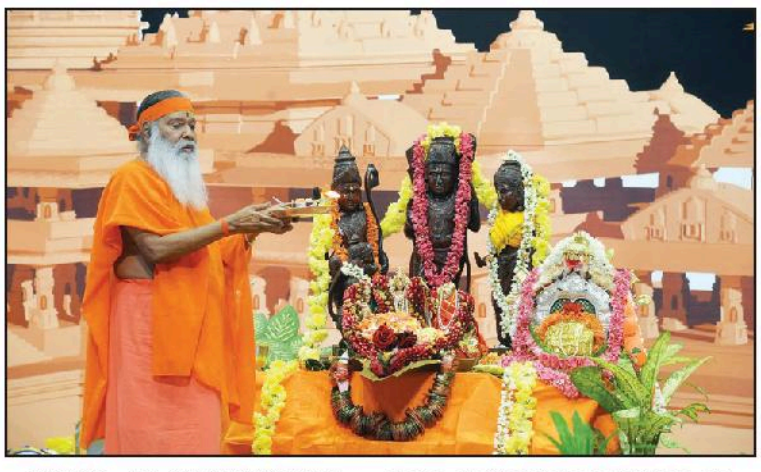
Temple Chief Priest Prahlad Rao and prominent leaders of Veeranagere were present.

Sri Rama Jyoti Deepotsava was celebrated by lighting the lamps arranged in a circular form at Sri Kannika Parameshwari temple, Ashoka road.

The programme was organised by **Arya Vysya Sangha,** during which more than 30 children presented mass rendition of vedas and slokas. Sri Rama Taraka homa was performed with purnahuti in the morning. The live screening of Prana Pratishtha ceremony held at Ayodhya Sri Ram Mandir, on a huge LED screen, was also arranged at the temple premises.

Temple Committee President S.K. Dinesh, Secretary Amarnath, Dinesh Babu and other Directors of the Committee were present on the occasion.

Srirama Pattabhisheka held at Ganapathy Ashram



Mysuru, Jan. 23 (MTY&VNS)- A historical moment was witnessed in Ayodhya as a result of staunch penance by our forefathers, sadhus and saints for over 500 years, said Avadhoota Datta Peetham Pontiff Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, here on Monday.

Speaking after performing Sri Rama Pattabhisheka rituals at his ashram on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road to mark the consecration of Ram Lalla at Ayodhya Sri Ram Mandir, Swamiji said that during his visit to to Ayodhya he had performed *Shatha Sloka Ramayana Parayana* and resolved that a temple would be built for Rama Lalla in 12 years back which has now been fulfilled.

Stating that it was mesmerising a moment to witness the consecration of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya, Swamiji added he was also delighted with the fact that the idol has been sculpted by Arun Yogiraj, who hails from Mysuru.

"Lord Rama has a close connection with Karnataka as the State is home for many spiritual places that were visited by Rama during his journey in search of Goddess Sita. This apart, Lord Hanuman was born on the banks of River Pampa in Hampi. However, few people argue that Hanuman was born in Tirupati, which according to me is not wrong as God is omnipresent," he said.

Adding that he was as a devotee of Lord Datta, Swamiji mentioned that people born in 'Bharata Bhoomi' were all followers of Lord Rama. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has created a wonder in Ayodhya. Despite being invited I could not be a part of the historical moment. However, I would be visiting Ayodhya soon," he added.

Rathotsava

As part of the celebrations, rathotsava was held from Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple to Nada Mantapa in the Ashram premises at 9 am.

Rama Taraka Mahayaga was also conducted at the Yaga Shala followed by *Mahasamrajya Pattabhisheka* and *Shatha Sloka Ramayana Parayana.*

DC team wins Friendly Cricket Tournament

DC XI team led by Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, which won the won the one-day Friendly Cricket Tournament held at Firing Range Grounds at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city recently, is seen posing with the trophies. Picture right shows the Police Commissioner's team led by City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh with runners-up trophy. DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi is also seen.

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (MK&DM)- The Deputy Commissioner (DC) XI won the one-day Friendly Cricket Tournament held at Firing Range Grounds at the foot of Chamundi Hill here recently.

The DC's team defeated the City Police Commissioner's XI (PC) team by 10 runs in the final match. The DC XI, which batted first after winning the toss, scored 128 runs for the loss of two wickets in the stipulated 10 overs. The Police Commissioner's XI, chasing a target of 129 runs to win, could muster only 119 runs for the loss of 4 wickets losing the match by 10 runs.

For the DC XI, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who scored 43 runs, was the highest run getter for his team.

The Police Commissioner's team, which was chasing an imposing target of 129 runs, began promisingly with openers Divakar and Vasudev scoring half centuries. But soon as the duo got out, the rest of the batsmen failed to keep up the tempo and the PC's team slipped in the run chase, mustering only 119 runs in 10 overs.

The Superintendent of Police (SP) team bagged the third place and the Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) team secured the fourth spot.

Earlier in the day, DC Dr. Rajendra and City Top Cop B. Ramesh inaugurated the Tourney at a simple ceremony. DCPs M. Muthuraj and S. Jhanavi, Addl. SP Dr. B.N. Nandini and other Police personnel were present.

Vishnu scores double ton

Vishnu Priyan

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (VNS)- A stroke filled double century by Jawar CC skipper Vishnu Priyan (204 runs with 8 sixes and 18 fours), helped his team gain first innings lead points against RBNCC 'A' in the two-day KSCA I Division Cricket League match played at SJCE-JSS grounds here recently.

Batting first, Jawahar CC scored 492 losing all 10 wickets in 89.5 overs. S.U. Karthik scored 90 runs and K. Gourav scored 89 for Jawahar CC.

In reply, RBNCC were bundled out for 209 in 62.1 overs with B. Dheemanth scoring 45 runs. N.A. Chinmay picked up a five-wicket-haul (5/45) for Jawarhar CC. Following on, RBNCC 'A' had scored 74 for the loss of 3 wickets before the match ended in a draw.

Mysuru Track & Field Meet

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (VNS)- Mysore District Athletic Association will be organising Mysuru District Track and Field Athletic Meet - 2024 for both boys and girls in Under-14 and Under-16 age group categories at Chamundi Vihar Stadium on Jan. 27 from 8 am onwards.

Triathlon-A (60 mts, long jump, high jump), Triathlon-B (60 mts, long jump, shot put) and Triathlon-C (60 mts, long jump and 600 mts) will be held in the U-14 category while 60 mts, 80 mH, 600 mts, high jump, long jump, shot put, javelin throw and pentathlon (60 mts, 80 mH, long jump, shot put and 600 mts) will be held in the U-16 category.

Boys and girls born between Feb. 19, 2010 and Feb. 18, 2012 are eligible to take part in U-14 category while boys and girls born between Feb. 19, 2008 and Feb. 18, 2010 can take part in U-16 category.

Online registration will be open till Jan. 24. Direct registration and chest number collection will be on Jan. 24 between 11 am and 8 pm. For spot registration and chest number collection, contact Mob: 84959-05616.

Best 11 athletes, who secure first place in the competitions, will be selected for the Mysuru district athletic team to represent the district in the forthcoming 18th National Inter-District Junior Athletic Meet-2024 to be held at Gujarat.

Runners-up in F.K. Irani Memorial District-level Kho-Kho Tourney

The High School boys kho-kho team of Hari Vidyalaya, Mysuru, emerged runners-up in the F.K. Irani Memorial District-level Kho-Kho Tournament 2023-24, organised by Ideal Jawa Rotary School, Mysuru, at Sports Pavilion in city on Jan. 13. Seen are (kneeling from left) Dhanush, Deekshith, Vishnuvadhan, Ganesh and Hemanth Kumar; (standing from left) PE Teacher D.N. Srikanth, Yashwanth, Thanmay Deep, Vinayaka, Thanmay, Hemanth, Prasanna Raghothaman and PE Teacher Ashwini.

MYSORE RACES 2024

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

GHYAMA for Dr. Ishwari

G.K. Balakrishnan Memorial Trophy

Mysuru, Jan. 23- Following are the selections for the 9th day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here on Wednesday — Jan. 24, 2024:

1.	2.00 PM	**THE ANTEQUERA PLATE** 1100 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. HURREM 2. CITY OF HUSTLE*
2.	2.30 PM	**THE BOLD MAJESTY PLATE** 1400 mts. - 3 Years (TERMS) *1. ZARQAWI 2. AABUSHAN*
3.	3.00 PM	**THE SIRSI PLATE - DIV. II** 1100 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. RUNNING BOLT 2. SEOLFOR BULLET*
4.	3.30 PM	**THE HIMALAYAS PLATE** 1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. I CAN 2. BEAUTIFUL OBLIVIAN*
5.	4.00 PM	**THE DR. ISHWARI G.K. BALAKRISHNAN MEMORIAL TROPHY** 1400 mts. - rated 60 and above *1. GHYAMA 2. GEMINI*
6.	4.30 PM	**THE NELAMANGALA PLATE** 1100 mts. - rated 40 to 65 *1. DALLAS 2. MIRACULOUS GIRL*
7.	5.00 PM	**THE SIRSI PLATE - DIV. I** 1100 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. KESARI QUEEN 2. NRI MILLENNIUM*

DAY'S BEST: *RUNNING BOLT*
DOUBLE: *1. GHYAMA 2. KESARI QUEEN*
JACKPOT: *3, 4, 5, 6, 7* ***MINI JACKPOT:*** *4, 5, 6, 7*
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Hanuman (K)	(S-1)	7 pm, 10.10 pm; (S-2) 10 am
Hanuman (H)	(S-3)	7.10 pm; (S-4) 1.15 pm
Kaatera (K)	(S-1)	12.25 pm; (S-2) 6.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.25 pm
Guntur Kaaram (Te)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Rangasamudra (K)	(S-2)	1 pm
Kadal (K)	(S-2)	4 pm
Abraham Ozler (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Anyone But You (E)	(S-3)	10.55 am, 10.15 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
6 9 5 (H)	(S-3)	4.20 pm
Barbarika (K)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Main Atal Hoon (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm

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Hanu-man (K)	:	1.35 pm, 7.30 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	9.00 pm
Jotheyagiru (K)	:	10.30 am
Kaatera (K)	:	10.30 am, 1 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.50 pm
Rangasamudra (K)	:	1.05 pm, 3.40 pm
6 9 5 (H)	:	4.40 pm, 6.20 pm
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Hanu-man (K)	:	12.50 pm, 6.40 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	3.15 pm, 7.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Main Atal Hoon (H)	:	9.50 am, 4.10 pm, 10:15 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	10.40 am, 6.35 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	10.55 am, 3.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 10 pm
Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	12 noon, 10.10 pm
Abraham Ozler (Ma)	:	12.10 pm
The Bee-keeper (E)	:	1.55 pm, 7 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.30 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	:	3.20 pm
Anyone But You (E)	:	4.25 pm, 9.30 pm
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Hanu-man (K)	:	3.50 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Klaantha (K)	:	10.25 am
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.25 am
Kaatera (K)	:	11 am, 2.35 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Rangasamudra (K)	:	12.55 pm
Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	3.55 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	10.15 pm

Violinist Vid. Vittal Ramamurthy is 'Dhanur Vainika Brahma'

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (SPN&DM)- Senior Violinist Vid. Vittal Ramamurthy was conferred with the prestigious 'Dhanur Vainika Brahma' award, given by the city's Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha and Pitilu Chowdiah Samsmarana Vedike, at a programme held at the Sabha premises on JLB Road here recently. Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, the Junior Pontiff of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, conferred the award.

Speaking on the occasion, Vid. Vittal Ramamurthy said that music is not limited just to contests and concerts. It is a spiritual power and as such it takes an individual to the world of emotional feelings, he said. Continuing, he said that music is growing because of the co-operation of devoted spectators. Indian Music is highly regarded in other countries and many countries have been organising programmes and interactions on Indian Music. Such programmes should be held in more numbers in India, he said and stressed on the need for more patronisation of music.

Observing that Pitilu Chowdiah is a pride of Mysuru, Vid. Vittal Ramamurthy said that the great violinist is an inspiration to the future generation. Pointing out that Pitilu Chowdiah successfully reached the audience by playing the 19-stringed violin at a time when there were no audio systems, he said that such love for the music must inspire the younger generation of today. "The award which I received today will motivate me to move further with inspiration," he added.

Stating that Pitilu Chowdiah was known as 'Ajata Shatru' in the world of music, he said that the scholarly violinist respected other musicians and as such, he was highly regarded. But is unfortunate that in the current days, animosity is rearing its ugly head in the world of music, he said while expressing concern that music may take a hit because of this. Music can grow if the ideals of great musicians like Chowdiah are taken forward, he added.

Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, in his address, said that Mysuru is a 'Punyabhumi' for the field of arts and music. As such, many top musicians have served here and this tradition should continue, he added.

After the stage programme, Vid. Vittal Ramamurthy and Vidu. Padma Shankar, presented a violin concert. They were accompanied by Vid. V.V. Ramana Murthy on mridanga and Vid. Tripunithura Radhakrishnan on ghata.

Sri Nadabrahma Sabha President Harish, Dr. M.A. Shekar, office-bearers of Sangeetha Ratna Mysuru T. Chowdiah Vedike and others were present.

Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, Junior Pontiff of Sri Ganpathy Sachchidananda Ashram, conferring 'Dhanur Vainika Brahma' award on Senior Violinist Vid. Vittal Ramamurthy at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city recently as others look on.

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 24)

- **Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat - Women's Wing and Mysuru District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat:** Book release — Abhinava Samrat Dr. Puneeth Chutukugalu — by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, event inauguration by State Scouts and Guides Commissioner PGR Sindhia and Chutuku Sahitya Parishat Kendra Samiti State President Thontadarya, book editor *Chutuku Siri* Dr. Rathna Halappagowda speaks about the book, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal distributes 'Pustaka Tambula,' Puneeth Rajkumar's life history researcher Manya Cariappa speaks about Puneeth, Chutuku Sahitya Parishat Kendra Samiti State Chief Convenor Dr. MGR Urs presides, Mysuru District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat Gen. Secretary Dr. H.N. Lokeshappa will be present, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat's Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar auditorium, **10.30 am.**
- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri:** 74th Constitution Day - Lecture Series, Prof. R. Indira, Guest Lecturer, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair, University of Mysore (UoM), delivers lecture, Government Hostel premises, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, **6 pm.**

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Gunturu Kaaram (Te)	(S-4)	3.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	(S-2)	6.50 pm; (S-3) 12.30 pm
	(S-4)	9.15 am
Hanu-man (H)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Hanu-man (K)	(S-3)	3.50 pm, 10.30 pm
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Klaantha (K)	:	4.30 pm
Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	6.40 pm
Kadal (2024) (K)	:	7.40 pm
Rangasamudra (K)	:	10.10 pm

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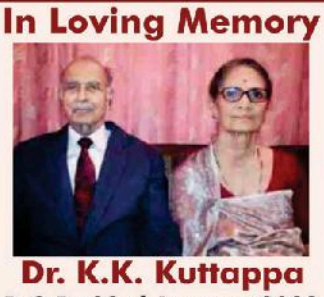

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